IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) Prior Examiner: Golam M. Shameem) Prior Group Art Unit: 1626) |
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| ETSUO OHSHIMA, ET AL. Application No.: (Not Yet Assigned) (Divisional of Application No. 10/123,027 filed April 12, 2002) | |
| Filed: Concurrently Herewith | |
| For: IMIDAZOLIDINE COMPOUNDS | :) December 8, 2003 |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

as follows:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application